

2024-2025 PARA PODIUM DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

THIS DOMESTIC PODIUM DEVELOPMENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY IS MADE POSSIBLE BY SWIM ONTARIO THROUGH THE OHPSI PROGRAM FUNDED BY THE MINISTRY OF SPORT

Objective

- Individual athlete funding for up to six (6) Swimmers in the amount of \$3000.00 per swimmer has been allocated by Swim Ontario for Ontario athletes in the Para Performance Development stream to facilitate their continued improvement towards world class performance.

Athlete Eligibility

- Swimmers must be eligible to represent Canada internationally.
- Swimmers MUST be fully registered with Swim Ontario and Swimming Canada for the 2024/2025 Season
- Must have a minimum of a current Domestic Level 3 Classification
- **Must be training full time in the province of Ontario.**
- Athletes must have posted a consideration time in an eligible paralympic event during the defined performance window.
- Must have scored a minimum of 450 points on the Swimming Canada 2021 Domestic Paralympic Sports Calculator.
- **Swimmers who participated in the 2024 Paralympic Games are not eligible for this funding.**
- **Swim Ontario reserves the right to not distribute all funding if these requirements are not met.**

Selection Criteria

- Swimmers with a current **Domestic Level 3 Classification or higher** will be ranked based on their single highest individual points scoring Paralympic event using the Swimming Canada 2021 Canadian Para Swimming Points Calculator.
- The six highest ranked swimmers will be nominated for funding
- The remaining ranked swimmers will be named as alternates
- Alternates will become eligible should an available space becomes available

Performance Window

- **January 1, 2024 to September 15, 2024**

Resources

- [Swimming Canada Classification:](#)
- [Swimming Canada 2021 Canadian Para Swimming Points Calculator](#)

Tie Breaking Rules

- In the event of a tie, the appropriate swimmers' second highest ranked event will be used to break the tie.

Funding Amendment:

- In the event that additional funding is approved, funds will be allocated based on the following priorities:
 1. Increase funding to the existing identified athletes.
 2. Identify the next two (2) highest ranked athletes, regardless of gender, who are not receiving Sport Canada funding based on the provided Swimming Canada Athlete Assistance List.

Qualify For Reimbursement

- Submission of the "Notice of Acceptance: Performance Funding" using the provided electronic link by **11:59pm EST on October 15, 2024**
- Submission of the Individual Athlete Performance Plan by the swimmers Coach of Record using the provided link by **11:59pm EST on November 15, 2024.**
- Submission of eligible receipts using the provided link by **11:59pm EST on March 1, 2025.**

Reimbursement Schedule

- Swim Ontario will provide reimbursement payments or partial payments of the grant once eligible receipts are received.
- Submissions must be received by no later than **11:59pm EST on March 1, 2025** to receive funding.
- Reimbursement of expenses will require the original, or scanned receipts to be submitted to Swim Ontario as per the above reimbursement schedule.
- Repayment will be directed to the individual or entity (i.e. swimmer/family/club/coach) who originally incurred the expenses.

Eligible Expenses For Funding

- Costs directly associated with Swimming Canada Initiatives
- Costs associated with attending training camps and competitions including;
 - entry fees
 - travel costs
 - accommodation
- Sport-specific scientific and/or medical support
- Other expenses as approved by the Swim Ontario Performance Programs Coordinator.
- Approval of the distribution of the funds rests with the Swim Ontario Performance Programs Coordinator or designate

Sickness or Injury

- Funded athletes are required to report any injury, illness or change in training that could affect their ability to confidently and competently undertake their reported training and competition plan.
- Failure to report may require a review of funding status.

Unforeseen Circumstances

- In the event of unforeseen or unusual circumstances, the Swim Ontario Performance Programs Coordinator shall have the full discretion to resolve the matter as it sees fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that it deems relevant.

Changes To This Document

- The Swim Ontario Performance Coordinator reserves the right to make changes to this document, which in its discretion are necessary to ensure selection of the swimmers who show potential for international podium development.
- Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to Swim Ontario members by website publication forthwith.

Swim Ontario Authority for Decisions:

- All matters relating to selection are the sole authority of the Swim Ontario Chief Technical Officer.
- Final decisions relating to APF selection on the basis of the approved Swim Ontario APF selection criteria and subsequent requirements are at the discretion of the Chief Technical Officer.
- All decisions made by Swim Ontario staff or its Committee are final and not subject to review or appeal